

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 301

Introduced by Assembly Member Soto

February 9, 2007

An act to add Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 13827) to Title 6 of Part 4 to the Penal Code, relating to criminal street gangs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 301, as introduced, Soto. Criminal street gangs: statewide prevention.

Existing law establishes the California Gang, Crime, and Violence Prevention Partnership Program to partner with and provide funds to local agencies, as specified, that provide services and activities designed to prevent or deter at-risk youth from participating in gangs, criminal activity, or violent behavior. Existing law also establishes the Gang Violence Suppression Program to provide funding to local organizations and agencies that are primarily engaged in the suppression of gang violence.

This bill would create the position of the California Gang Prevention Director within the Department of Justice who would be responsible for coordinating gang prevention efforts statewide, as specified. The bill would require the Attorney General to request funding for the position as part of the annual budget process and would make appointment to the position contingent on obtaining funding.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 13827)
2 is added to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 3.6. CALIFORNIA GANG PREVENTION DIRECTOR
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6 13827. There is hereby created in the Department of Justice
7 the position of the California Gang Prevention Director, who shall
8 be responsible for, but not limited to, performing all of the
9 following duties:

- 10 (a) Coordinating statewide gang prevention efforts.
11 (b) Directing the collection and analysis of comprehensive data
12 on gang membership and criminal activity statewide.
13 (c) Monitoring statewide gang activity.
14 (d) Annually reporting to the Legislature and the Governor on
15 the state of gang activity and prevention efforts.
16 (e) Developing and tracking antigang legislation.

17 13827.1. (a) The Attorney General shall request funding for
18 the establishment and continuation of the position of California
19 Gang Prevention Director as a part of the annual budget of the
20 Department of Justice.

21 (b) Appointment of the California Gang Prevention Director by
22 the Attorney General shall be contingent upon obtaining funding
23 pursuant to subdivision (a).